

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, \$120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, \$112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR \$1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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